



Christmas Advent

Sermon 1

Genesis 3:1-3,

Isaiah 7:14b, 11:1-10

Sermon Study Guide Questions

December 8th, 2019

Opening:

As we consider the Christmas story, we find that God keeps His promises to give hope and redemption - to give us life through His Son. John the Baptist made a great statement in John 1:29 (ESV) “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’ For those who have confessed that Christ Jesus is the Messiah, the one promised in Genesis 3, he is our hope and life!

To understand the reason Jesus came, let’s begin in Genesis 3 and look at the great betrayal of Adam & Eve.

Read Genesis 3:1-7

- Why do you think Eve was not afraid of the serpent?**

- Is the outward appearance of the serpent deceptive? Why or why not?**

- What does the word ‘crafty’ suggest? Do you think it has positive or negative overtones?**

- **Who is the source of deception and lies? (John 8:44) Does this help us to identify the real nature of the serpent?**
- **Is the use of a question 'Did God say...?' more effective in involving the woman in dialogue than an outright denial of the truth of what God said? Why?**
- **Does the woman report accurately what God had said or does she change something?**
- **Did God forbid the couple to touch the tree in the middle as the woman said? Look and see what God told Adam about the tree and what he said to Eve?**

- We cannot always prevent temptation, but there is always a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). How can we use God's Word to protect and help us to stand against temptations?
- How important is it to know God's word? How would you describe your time with God?
- If someone stops you and asks questions about God's gift of salvation, what would you say? (2 Timothy 4:2)

Read Isaiah 3:7-

- Looking at Isaiah 14:7, we find a prophecy about the Christ/Immanuel. What do you discover when you compare Isaiah 14:7 to the Matthew 1:23? And what does Immanuel mean?

- In 15 WORDS, God completely and fully reveals his rescue plan.
- In 15 WORDS, he tells the captive nation of Israel that even though the northern and southern kingdom have gone through separation, they will be reunited one day.
- In 15 WORDS, he reveals that even though the nation of Israel is in exile, they will regain their homes.
- In 15 WORDS, he says that though you have turned away from me I will remain faithful to you.
- In 15 WORDS, he tells the gentile world that they will be grafted into the family.
- In 15 WORDS, he speaks of sins being washed away and forgiven.
- In 15 WORDS, he speaks of a restoration of Godly provision.
- In 15 WORDS, he speaks of God in the flesh with us.
- In 15 WORDS, he speaks HOPE.
- This is a HOPE not found in works, but a HOPE found in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Read chapter 11:1-9

As we look at Isaiah 11:1-5, the Word makes us more conscious of God's will and our increasing dependence upon the Holy Spirit in all that we do. As we depend upon the Holy Spirit, we are learning how to avoid the way secularism detracts us from living Christ-filled lives.

Judah (the royal line of David) would be like a tree chopped down to a stump. But from that stump a new shoot would grow—this refers to the

Messiah. He would be greater than the original tree and would bear much fruit. The Messiah is the fulfillment of God's promise that a descendant of David would rule forever.

- **From Isaiah 11-9 list the names of Jesus and write down what each name means.**

- **From Isaiah 11: 6-9, describe what it will be like when Jesus rules during the millennium period?**

From Isaiah 11:10, what great hope will we have?

From the scriptures we know that when King Jesus rules in the future, it will be awesome. He first came as a helpless baby (his mother was a teen-who found favor before the Lord) to be the one who would grow up to be a man that would go to the Cross to die for our sins. On the third day he arose from the grave- the resurrection! We can now have life and hope.

For varying reasons, the holidays are hard for a lot of people. God cares and he wants you to cling to Christ.

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